21 Aug 45
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MINDANAO

DEAR BERT:

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN QUITE A FEW DAYS, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OR NOT. I READ AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY READER'S DIGEST, "THEY SEE WITHOUT EYES", AND AM GUESSING THAT YOU ARE THERE. LOTTIE DIDN'T TELL ME YOU HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED YET. SO LET ME KNOW IF YOU GET THIS.

BOY, IT RAINED LAST NIGHT, BUT HARD. I THOUGHT IT WAS A RIVER RUNNING THROUGH MY TENT.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE YESTERDAY ON A 7 DAY MOTOR MOVE, BUT THE RAIN WASHED THE BRIDGES OUT. SO MAYBE WE WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE TOMORROW. WE HAVE BUILT UP A STOCKADE HERE, AND ARE GOING TO BUILD ANOTHER WHERE WE ARE GOING. I WISH THEY WOULD PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THEM. REMEMBER WHAT THAT OLD CAPTAIN, MAC, ON THE SHIP WITH YOU AT HOLLANDIA, TOLD ME? HE SAID "I'D SAVE THE GOVERNMENT MONEY." RIGHT?

I PLAYED TWO SOFT BALL GAMES YESTERDAY. WE WON 9-5, AND THEN BEAT THE COMPANY'S FIRST TEAM 13-2. I PLAYED 2ND BASE, NO ERRORS, HIT 1 FOR 3 AND 1 FOR 4, AND SCORED 2 RUNS. THEY PLAYED THIS MORNING, BUT IT WAS TOO MUDDY, SO I DIDN'T GO OUT. I FINISHED READING A MAGAZINE.

MRS. MOSE TEMERSON SENT ME A SUBSCRIPTION TO READER'S DIGEST. WASN'T THAT NICE OF HER?

MAC ARTHUR ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT THE ARMISTICE WOULD BE SIGNED IN 10 DAYS. OCCUPATION WOULD THEN START. IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS JUST WASTING TIME. DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THERE ARE ONLY 2 BOYS IN THE COMPANY WITH MORE POINTS THAN I HAVE, 79 AND 84. SO ACCORDING TO AGE, I'LL BE THE 3RD TO GET OUT IN "M" COMPANY. AS ALL OUTFITS MUST BE LIKE THIS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRITICAL SCORE WILL HAVE TO BE LOWERED. I OUGHT TO BE OUT OF HERE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

P.S. CAN YOU GET ANY 120 FILM?

P.S. I HAD ALREADY MAILED THIS, BUT NOT ONLY DID I RECEIVE YOUR LETTER DATED

AUGUST 9TH, THE DAY WE HEARD OF JAPAN'S DESIRE TO SURRENDER, BUT THE BEST NEWS IS I WAS PLACED ON DS WITH DIV. MP COMPANY WITH DY WITH CARGO CONTROL OFFICER, AND ATTACHED TO AN AAA(AW)BN FOR RATIONS AND QUARTERS. NAT REINFELD FIXED IT UP FOR ME, I KNOW, AND I'LL BE WITH HIM. HE'S THE BEST FRIEND I EVER HAD. IT'S REALLY A BREAK, AND I WON'T HAVE TO TAKE THE 7 DAY TRUCK TRIP WITH THE COMPANY. THE ORDER WAS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6TH, BUT IT JUST ARRIVED. I GUESS ITS CLERICAL WORK. I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE DETAILS LATER.

Chick